

MAY SOLVE MYSTERY

Western Bank Inquires as to Crawford's Check.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO-DAY

Many Friends of the Missing Private Secretary to Admiral Dewey Have Contended from the First That He Was Alive, Although It Was Given Out He Had Drowned Himself.

While friends of Lieut. John W. Crawford have been searching the Potomac River for his body—he was supposed to have committed suicide by drowning in that stream—it is now believed he has been speeding across the country to the Golden West.

It was learned yesterday that one of the local banks received a telegram from a bank in San Francisco inquiring whether a check signed by John W. Crawford was good. The police are still working on the apparent mystery which surrounded the disappearance of Crawford, and until yesterday many theories had been advanced.

New Developments.

It was not known last night whether the local bank had answered the inquiry or not, but it is probable new developments in the Crawford story will be made to-day.

It is known that many of Crawford's friends and intimates have not believed him dead. None of those who knew him, however, would admit he left home for any reason that involved his business or family honor. The check, it is believed, will, perhaps, throw a new light on the case, and cause those who are in a position to know to reveal all the knowledge they may possess to the police or the public.

VETERANS NAME OFFICERS.

Will Command Harden Camp of Spanish War Heroes.

At a meeting of the Richard J. Harden Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, in Costello's Hall, Sixth and G streets northwest, Wednesday night, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

William Henderson, commander of the camp; A. Kessler, senior vice commander; W. McDonald, junior vice commander; C. J. Sawyer, chaplain; W. L. Lawson, officer of the guard; A. Hammerly, surgeon; S. W. Corwin, C. J. Harlow, and J. Mahoney, trustees.

By unanimous vote Col. Emmet Urell was given a life membership in the camp.

GETS JOB, BUT LOSES MONEY.

French Chauffeur Meets "Flim-flam" to the Tune of \$20.

Edward Soucraze, a French chauffeur, who has been in this country but a short time, yesterday was relieved of \$20 by a man who claimed to be a representative of Senator Brown, of Annapolis, Md.

Soucraze was hired by the man to act as chauffeur for Senator Brown, but while on the way to the depot the man stepped into a store to make a purchase. He returned shortly after, and asked Soucraze to lend him some change. Soucraze gave him the twenty. The man went in the store again, and has not been seen since.

DIED.

CHAMBERLAIN—Suddenly, on Wednesday night, December 4, 1907, at East Hyattsville, Md., GEORGE ANNA C., beloved wife of Caleb Chamberlain.

Funeral from her late residence, East Hyattsville, Md., on Saturday, December 7, at 1 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Burial at Rock Creek Cemetery. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

DE BOIS—Passed away, on Thursday, December 5, 1907, after a long and painful illness, MARY E., wife of William D. De Bois.

Funeral from her late residence, 1228 North Carolina avenue northeast, on Sunday, December 8, at 2 o'clock. (Brooklyn, N. Y., papers please copy.)

FRENCH—On December 5, 1907, at 5:45 p. m., at his brother's residence, 1335 Madison street, JOHN R. FRENCH.

Funeral, private, on Saturday, December 7, at 2 p. m.

FRIZZELL—On Tuesday, December 3, 1907, SAMUEL T., beloved husband of Leida Frizzell, aged thirty-three years.

Funeral from his late residence, 514 First street, on Monday, December 9, at 2 p. m. Services at Eldredge M. E. Church, Tenallytown, D. C., at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

GARDNER—On Thursday, December 5, 1907, at her residence, 1001 14th street, SARAH E. GARDNER, beloved wife of John W. Gardner, and sister of the late Dr. William Jones, of Washington, D. C.

Funeral services on Sunday, December 8, at 2 p. m., at the residence of her son-in-law, John Henderson, Jr., 209 First street northwest, city.

HOLMES—On Friday, December 6, 1907, at 8:48 p. m., at his residence, 1001 14th street northwest, JOHN HOLMES, in his seventy-fourth year.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

HOLLIDAY—On Thursday, December 5, 1907, at 5:30 p. m., ELIZA HOLLIDAY, aged seventy-five years.

Funeral on Sunday, December 8, at 1 p. m., from Campbell A. M. E. Church, Interment at Moore's Cemetery.

LANG—Members of Mount Vernon Council, No. 10, Jr. O. U. A. M., will please assemble at 908 Tenth street southeast, December 7, 1907, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, THOS. LANG, by order of council.

JOHN E. SMALLWOOD, Recording Secretary.

LEWIS—On Thursday, December 5, 1907, at 7:30 a. m., at his residence, 222 Maryland avenue southeast, WM. M. LEWIS.

Funeral services at his late residence Saturday, December 7, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend. (Philadelphia papers please copy.)

MADDIX—The funeral services of WILLIAM MADDIX, of 128 Eighteenth street, will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, corner of Seventeenth and P streets, on Sunday, December 8, 1907, at 1 p. m. Relatives and friends are cordially invited.

MALONE—On Wednesday, December 4, 1907, at the Stoddard Baptist Home, Garfield, D. C., SARAH A. MALONE, wife of the late Daniel Malone and aunt of Sadie E. Williams.

Funeral on Saturday, December 7, at 1 p. m., from the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Anacostia.

SAMUELS—On Thursday, December 5, 1907, at 8:30 a. m., ELISE MARIE, beloved daughter of C. V. and Mollie Samuels, aged six years and two months.

Funeral from her parents' residence, 431 M street northwest, Saturday, December 7, at 3 p. m. Interment private. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

SARGENT—On Thursday, December 5, 1907, Capt. NATHAN SARGENT, U. S. N.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Church, on Saturday, December 7, at 2 p. m. The interment will be at Arlington.

THIRD TERM TALK TAKES NEW TURN

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committees who do not favor a continuation of the strenuous life that has marked the Roosevelt administration, and who realize that Mr. Taft is the President's choice to carry out his policies, nevertheless have a kindly feeling for the big and wholesome Ohio man. This feeling is personal. They like Taft for himself alone, and they like the qualities which Americans like, and if he hadn't made that speech at Columbus last August they would be for him heart and soul. But they can't quite get over the way in which he cried "ditto" to nearly everything of importance that Mr. Roosevelt had enumerated, and beside they do not like the suggestion that a President of the United States shall name his own successor.

Corroborative evidence of Mr. Roosevelt's abandonment of reticence concerning the third-term proposition was given yesterday by Samuel Watts, of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Watts is eighty-six years old. He is president of four banks. He called on the President in company with Brainerd H. Warner, of this city, who would like to be the Republican Congressman from the adjoining district of Maryland, and he told Mr. Roosevelt that people up his way wanted the President to run again; in fact, they would do without him. To these kind words the President, according to Mr. Watts, responded as follows:

"That cannot be. I cannot serve beyond my present term. I am grateful to the American people for the kindly feeling toward me, but somebody else must carry on the work."

Date Is Not Fixed.

Just when the President will let the country know definitely that he will stand by his election night announcement has not been determined. Apparently he will keep silent publicly on this point in accordance with an agreement with Secretary Taft until Mr. Taft returns to Washington. Mr. Taft is expected back here before December 20. The understanding in well-informed circles is that the President's expected announcement will be based on the action of some Republican State convention in instructing the delegates to the national convention to vote for the renomination of the President.

There was a rumor that when the national committee called on President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday afternoon he would take advantage of the occasion to make a statement about his attitude toward the third-term propaganda. Members of the committee had heard it, and were alive with interest when they faced the President in the East Room. But all that Mr. Roosevelt said was that he was glad to see the men who had helped him in 1904, and would shake hands with them.

LOCAL POLICEMAN IS ACCUSED

Julius E. Pyles Makes Charges Against Patrolman Smith.

Demands \$10,000, Charging Alienation of Wife's Affections—Names Many Alleged Wrongs.

Julius E. Pyles, who recently instituted suit for divorce against his wife, Rebecca Wignall Pyles, filed a petition for \$10,000 damages for alienation of his wife's affections against Hilary M. Smith, who is named as correspondent in the divorce petition.

The petition alleges that Smith, who is a member of the Metropolitan police force, and made many visits to the Pyles home, near Grant road and Connecticut avenue. It is alleged that he sent secret communications to Mrs. Pyles, in which false insinuations were made against the plaintiff.

It is charged that the plaintiff's milk and dairy business was sold by Mrs. Pyles and the proceeds kept by her. Practically, according to the petition, all the plaintiff's household goods and effects were removed from his home by Mrs. Pyles. Pyles charges his wife has deserted him.

It is further charged that Smith referred to the plaintiff with "idiocy, scorn, and contempt, by means of degrading words and epithets and false charges. It is alleged that from the date of the marriage of the plaintiff to the time Smith alienated the affections of Mrs. Pyles, the husband and wife had lived peacefully and happily together.

OPPOSE SALE OF OPIUM.

International Reform Bureau Hears from Roosevelt.

When the International Reform Bureau met yesterday in the office of its president, former Senator Henry W. Blair, it not only listened to the report of Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, its superintendent, on his fourteen months' trip over four continents, but heard with satisfaction that President Roosevelt has seen fit to back one of the things nearest the heart of the members.

President Roosevelt, it was stated, has heartily endorsed a scheme to restrict the importation of opium, and has succeeded in enlisting in this scheme Japan, China, Great Britain, France, Italy, and Holland.

It was stated a bill restricting the use and importation of the drug will be introduced in Congress in a few days. By this measure it is hoped to suppress the use of opium and to prevent its importation except by government commissioners.

These wholesalers will, in turn, be allowed to sell only to retail druggists under the latter only on physicians' certificates.

FOR A LINCOLN ARCH.

Gen. Stahel's Plan to Erect an Impressive Memorial.

Julius H. Stahel, late major general of United States Volunteers, under date of May 23, this year, inscribed a letter to the President of the United States in which he suggested that the President should appoint a committee for the purpose of bringing about the erection in Washington of "a fitting tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln in the form of a magnificent arch, to excel the Arc de Triomphe in Paris." Gen. Stahel submitted that the semi-centennial anniversary of the death of Lincoln, eight years hence, would be a proper occasion for the unveiling of such a testimonial, and would allow ample time for the working out of the scheme. Secretary Loeb replied to Gen. Stahel, at the Hoffman House, New York City, stating that Mr. Roosevelt would give the matter careful consideration, but that he was inclined to think Congressional action should be had on the matter as a first step.

"There should, beyond question," Gen. Stahel says, "be a fitting monument to the memory of Lincoln here in the Nation's Capital. The people of this country are surely not unmindful of the great services to the United States, and of first step once taken, the project would soon have the support of every true American."

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TALKED ABOUT DRUG

Clara Bloodgood's Strange Conduct in Washington.

FIRST THOUGHT OF POISON

Young Woman Who Knew Actress Tells Story of Seeing Her in Store Near Belasco Theater Inquiring of Head Clerk as to How to Take a Drug Which She Failed to Name.

Did the woman's instinct of repugnance for any sort of self-sufficing drive Mrs. Clara Bloodgood to choose a pistol shot through the brain in a Baltimore hotel in preference to death by poison in this city?

Did she find at the last hour of her stay in this city that suicide by the latter method, accompanied, as she knew, by several minutes of the most acute pain, was too much for even her determination?

With two performances before her on Saturday, in which for a time her mind was enrapt, did she plan and think of another solution until it was too late to find any way but the dreaded one of poison?

All these suggested theories seem possible, in the light of a disclosure made yesterday by The Washington Herald by a young woman who knew Mrs. Bloodgood, and who saw her for the last time Saturday afternoon in a drug store near the Belasco Theater.

Near the Soda Fountain. According to this woman, shortly before 2 o'clock she entered this drug store and noticed Mrs. Bloodgood standing near the soda fountain. She had intended speaking to the actress, but her attention was diverted before she reached the fountain, and she stopped.

Mrs. Bloodgood, she said, was in an extremity of nervousness. She stood tapping one foot continuously on the floor of the store, while against the marble of the counter her soda glass beat a rapid and unceasing tattoo.

But this was not all. This woman was near enough to hear Mrs. Bloodgood direct all sorts of questions at the head clerk, who was waiting upon her. These questions concerned the manner in which to take a certain powder.

Mrs. Bloodgood wanted to know if it could be taken in hot water best, or best in cold. She wanted to know many other things about it, but not once did she mention its name, so that just what kind of a powder it was is not known. For ten minutes, however, she remained in the store asking questions, tapping nervously with her foot on the floor and beating her glass against the counter.

The proprietor of the drug store said last night he did not remember serving any woman answering the description of Mrs. Bloodgood Saturday afternoon. He said there are a great many young women in his store each Saturday, and he did not remember any one in particular. He declared no poison was sold that day, so far as he knew. All sales of poison, he said, would have been entered on the book, as required by law.

She Wanted Information.

But it is more than possible that Mrs. Bloodgood bought poison elsewhere. The questions she asked, it is believed, were only for the purpose of understanding the potency of the drug, which she, no doubt, had in her possession.

When she left Washington Sunday night, it seems probable now, she had abandoned the idea of poison, perhaps through conversations with those who told her of its painful effect, and had already decided upon a shot as the best method of ending her life.

And so when she got to Baltimore, and when the first opportunity came to her, she went out with the determination to find a way of dying that would not be so fraught with pain. She then purchased a revolver. The very fact that the first one she purchased did not suit seems to indicate that even in her preparation for death she was mindful of the small things.

Learned How to Die.

Perhaps the most striking fact in the suicide of Mrs. Bloodgood is the apparent courage which preceded the act; the same spirit of willingness to learn which had lifted her to a high pinnacle on the American stage in a comparatively short time.

Many women have committed suicide before, possibly many have thought about it long before the hour when they committed the act; but Mrs. Bloodgood, with the same determination that had made for her success on the stage, planned it all out beforehand and practiced with the weapon with which she was to take away her own life.

With this idea evidently firmly fixed in her mind, she proceeded to one of the sporting goods stores the very day in which her company landed here—Monday. There she purchased a revolver.

On Tuesday Mrs. Bloodgood telephoned the store, in which she made this first purchase and asked for an explanation of the working mechanism of the revolver. When this explanation was given she rang off. The next day she proceeded to the same store, looked at several Colt revolvers, and had before purchased a Smith & Wesson .25-caliber and bought a gun similar to the one bought on Monday afternoon.

While it has been deemed possible that the first revolver was taken from her by members of her company, as many of them would confirm this report, it seems probable that the safety device on the Smith & Wesson bothered her. When she found that a Colt revolver, for some reason, did not suit, she took the second Smith & Wesson.

Exhibits Rare Nerve.

But the remarkable nerve of this great actress was manifested also in the other preparations she had made for death. In addition to the revolver she had with

THE BANKING FUNCTIONS

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The Washington Herald tomorrow will be replete with special features timely to the occasion, the approach of the holidays and the opening of Congress, both being considered in the selection of topics for the Sunday reading hour.

The news of the world, foreign, domestic, and local, will be treated in a characteristic manner, giving quality, without quantity, when possible, but, nevertheless, seeking to devote sufficient space to the important current happenings.

One of the leading special features will be an article describing the part played by "Boss" Quay in the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for Vice President, in 1900. The origin of the famous words "The plum tree," and the inside history of this notable convention are brilliantly portrayed by Dexter Marshall.

Beginning to-morrow the Social Arbitrator will again be a regular feature of the Sunday edition. The Arbitrator speaks as one with authority, and here can always be found the answer to perplexing questions which arise among the matrons and debutantes of Washington society.

"The Woman About Town" gives some of her breezy gossip of femininity, holding up the mirror of nature to the members of her sex.

Helen Rowland writes of the Bachelor Girl, her trials and tribulations, and likewise the bright spots which appear in her life.

The season for wild goose shooting on the lower Potomac is at its height, and sportsmen should not miss the article to-morrow by one who has been a devotee of this sport for many seasons.

Frederic J. Haskin will contribute a timely article on "Our Coast Defenses." This subject is important, now that our fleet is preparing to leave the Atlantic coast unprotected for fully a year.

The ex-Attache tells of the grim secrets of the Vatican, and how the facts of many real tragedies are guarded from the world.

In the news section will be found an illustrated story of the Gridiron dinner to-night—a dinner which will be attended by many prominent men, and the story of which will be read with interest by everybody.

her in her room when found a standard medical work on the human brain, from which she learned in what direction a shot that would be instantaneously fatal must be fired.

Her last hour must have been deliberate, and could not have exhibited those nervous outbreaks which have been attributed as the cause of suicide. Retiring to her own apartments after attending a matinee and a supper afterward, Mrs. Bloodgood calmly wrote the letters to her husband. Then, still calm, she lay down upon the bed, folded her kimono about her, and, shoving the revolver deep into her mouth, fired three shots.

The members of her company, those who knew her on the Rialto and others who had known her in society, were dumbfounded by the act. Her husband, William Laimbeer, a New York broker, when he reached this city, could give no explanation for his wife's deed. The note directed in Mrs. Bloodgood's hand found lying on the mantel-piece of her room, he declared to relate purely to business, and said that it contained nothing of interest to the public.

Letter Does Not Explain.

"The letter did not explain in the slightest degree my wife's suicide. It was only about a page and a half long. No, there is no reason why it should be made public. If there was I would simply copy it to be printed, but it is simply an ordinary business communication, such as my wife often sent to me while she was away from New York on the road."

"I do not know whether one of the special delivery letters which they say she mailed last night was sent to me or not. It may have been. I left New York before I could have possibly received it."

"Yes, I received a telegram from my wife asking me to get her contract with the Shuberts and take it to their manager. But she had no trouble that I knew of with the Shuberts. There was nothing to indicate it in her sending that telegram to me. It was simply that she wanted me to attend to her interests in New York while she was away."

Clyde Fitch, the playwright, who wrote "The Truth," the play in which Mrs. Bloodgood was appearing, was astounded at the news which reached him in New York yesterday.

"She was a woman from whom I looked for great things in the future," Mr. Fitch said. "Already she was a success, as an actress go. She was a good actress, in the first rank. But the best part about her was that she had by no means reached the zenith of her powers."

Better in Each Play.

"Clara Bloodgood was better in each new play than she was in the last. Her improvement was constant and steady."

Miss Zelda Sears, one of the most intimate of Mrs. Bloodgood's stage friends, was one of those who could not believe that the suicide was due to nervousness.

"Was she fidgetable?"

"Not a particle. She was the most lovable woman who ever lived. Every one in the company was devoted to her. There were among us people who could have stayed the whole season in New York, but who left that city and started on a long tour partly of one-night stands simply because they were so loyal to her and so fond of her. I refused several offers which meant more money for me because she liked me in this part in her play."

A Most Generous Woman. "I want to say this about her, and to add that she was the most generous woman in the world. Not a day passed that she did not do some good, and always by stealth, so afraid was she of being found out. When my father died last season she came to me. 'Zelda,' she



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